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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayers.

At the request of Mr. Collins of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of Arthur "Junie" Carthas of South Boston. Mr. Carthas proudly served his country in the Korean War with the United States Army. He received the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal before being honorably discharged.

Arthur
Carthas.

He is survived by his wife Joan Carthas (Sullivan); his children: Paul, John, Richard, Susan, Nancy, David and Janet; grandchildren Shannon, Brian, Amanda, Michael, Courtney, Taylor, William, David, Richard, Kristen, Steven, Nickolas, Olivia and Sophia; great grandchildren Cameron, Callan, Wes, Elle, Robbie, Liam and Kennedy; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

At the request of Mr. Collins of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of Chester "Chet" Theodore of South Boston. Mr. Theodore proudly served his country in the Pacific Theater of World War II with the United States Navy. For his service, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and American Area Campaign Medal before being honorably discharged.

Chester
Theodore.

He is survived by his daughters, Joyce and Linda; grandchildren, David, Christopher, Marybeth, Carolyn and Ralph; great grandchildren, Greg and Allison; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Goldstein-Rose of Amherst) congratulating the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on the forty-fifth anniversary of its University Without Walls degree completion program, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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Amherst.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Murphy of Weymouth and Meschino of Hull, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Murphy, Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to designate a certain park in the town of Hingham as the Eugene F. Creedon memorial park.

Hingham,—
Creedon
memorial park.

By Messrs. Whelan of Brewster and Collins of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan, William Crocker and Julian Cyr for legislation to designate a certain overpass over Route 6 as the Lance Corporal William Joseph Donovan, Jr. memorial bridge.

Route 6,—
Donovan, Jr.
memorial
bridge.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to reforming fine time (Senate, No. 2050), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Criminal
defendants,—
fine payments.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Mark J. Cusack and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Donald Stuart, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Donald
Stuart,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda May, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3455); and

Brenda May,—
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Monica Bassila, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3462);

Monica
Bassila,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.